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[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Total headcount of U.S. citizens received in Cyprus as of 0800L July 24 was 10,278; another 1,000 were expected arrive at 1000L on the Orient Queen. 5,772 had departed by 0700, and we expect approximately another 1,788 to depart on July 24. End summary.

POL/MIL

[1](#)2. (C) The following are pol/mil updates:

--The Management and Regional Security sections have preparations in place for the SecState visit at the airport today.

--Foreign Minister Lillikas was very impressed by his visit to our operations at the Cyprus International Fairgrounds. Embassy is making plans to clean the facility and provide training to Cypriot government officials who eventually plan to use the site to stage TCN evacuees from Lebanon. Resources the Embassy plans to leave behind, in coordination with the military, include: up to 1,800 cots, up to 5,000 blankets, a six-person shower unit, 50 wheelchairs, approximately 20 portable fans, an undetermined number of MREs, and an undetermined number of health and comfort toiletries.

CONSULAR

[1](#)3. (C) The following are consular updates:

--Accounting of U.S. citizens who have arrived in Cyprus as of 0800(L) July 24:

11 via helicopter July 16
62 via helicopter and ship July 17
37 via French-chartered ship July 18
104 via helicopter July 18

138 via Hoegh Norwegian ship July 19
4 via Greek military ship July 19
160 via helicopter (Beirut Air Bridge - BAB) July 19
3 via HMS York July 19
3 via Crete II July 19
1054 via MV Orient Queen July 20
3 via HMS Gloucester July 20
27 via UN Serenade & IREA Petra July 20
187 via helicopter (BAB) July 20
100 via UN ship Serenade July 21
1054 via USS Nashville July 21
790 via Orient Queen July 21
241 via helicopter (BAB) July 21
1803 via USS Trenton July 22
27 via Greek Ikaria July 22
21 via MV Akioni July 22
1050 via USS Nashville July 22
815 via Ramah July 22
39 via helicopter 2108 July 22
1005 via USS Whidbey July 23
983 via Orient Queen July 23
38 via helicopter July 23
529 via USS Nashville July 24

TOTAL: 10,278

--A total of 5,772 U.S. citizens (approximate pending receipt of one manifest) had departed Cyprus on U.S. charter and military flights as of 0700L July 24. There are four more milair flights and eight more commercial charter flights scheduled to depart July 24 that will transport approximately 1788 more people.

--We estimate approximately 1650 evacuees will be located at the Fairgrounds by 1200L. Up to 1000 more are in hotels. Additional airlift remains urgently necessary to relieve this

backlog and allow us accommodate the up to 2000 new arrivals we expect on July 24 and 25.

--UNHCR officials contacted the Embassy with an offer of assistance; we have put them in touch with CONS and the Embassy site manager at the Fairgrounds.

--With the help of DHS officials in Washington and DHS TDYers scheduled to arrive soon, CONS is beginning to assist the processing of undocumented humanitarian cases involving non-U.S. citizen immediate relatives. Post will ensure that those paroled into the United States travel by civilian air only, not/not milair, per guidance from the Department of Defense.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

14. (U) Press is increasingly focusing on human interest stories; most local and international coverage has been positive.

SECURITY

15. (C) 27 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers arrived July 23 with explosive detection machines and 12 hand-held metal detectors to supplement operations at Larnaca airport.

MANAGEMENT

16. (U) RMO/P Dr. Esther Roberts arrived July 24. She participated in post's morning coordination meeting, visited the Fairgrounds, and met mission and TDY staff responding to this emergency.

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